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MONTHLY REPORT

for

October, 1941

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MEMORANDUM for the Director:

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Weather Conditions. While weather conditions improved considerably in October over what they had been throughout the rainy summer season and some three weeks of Indian summer weather were enjoyed, the travel showed a marked decrease over the preceding October. The decline in travel actually started after Labor Day and the month of September showed a loss from the previous year of 9.2%, while October showed a loss of 21.2%. The storm at the end of September closed the Red Lodge - Cooke Highway to travel on October 1 and this highway remained closed throughout the month and will not be reopened until next spring. All roads in the park and all other approach roads were kept open throughout the month, with the exception of Dunraven Pass, which was closed from October 4 to 7. Higher elevations in the park were generally covered with snow throughout the period.

The following weather data were recorded at Mammoth:

Maximum Temperature - - - - - - - - - 69 deg. on 22nd
Minimum Temperature - - - - - - - - - 12 deg. on 30th
Greatest daily range - - - - - - - - 36 deg. on 14th & 18th
Precipitation - - - - - - - - - - - - - 0.77 inches
Days clear 13; Days cloudy 8; Days partly cloudy 10.

Special Activities. The Superintendent left on October 3, in company with Park Naturalist Bauer, en route to Omaha to attend the opening sessions of the In-Service Personnel Training School held in Region Two. En route he stopped at Devils Tower National Monument to confer with the Custodian as to the procedure to be followed in connection with getting "Devils Tower George" (George Hopkins) off the Monument following a parachute landing thereon. He returned to the Yellowstone on October 11. On October 18 he attended a meeting of the Montana Cabin Camp Owners Association at Gardiner, which meeting was also attended by Superintendent Libbey of Glacier National Park. A trip was made to Livingston on October 20, in company with Mr. Joffe, to attend Rotary. On October 23 the Superintendent, accompanied by Park Photographer J. E. Haynes, made a trip to Gooding, Idaho,

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with a view to making a study of the Gooding City of Rocks area for a proposed national monument, and returned on the twenty-fifth. He left on the thirtieth for Sheridan, Wyoming, to attend the Annual Dude Ranchers Association Convention, expecting to return on the evening of November 1.

The regular annual meeting of the Yellowstone Library and Museum Association was held in the Park Naturalist's office on October 1. Chief Ranger LaNoue and Assistant Chief Ranger Peyton were elected as new directors.

Two carved stone bears were installed at the front of the Mammoth post office on October 10. These bear sculptures were designed by Mrs. Gladys C. Fisher of Denver, Colorado.

The fishing season in the park closed at sundown on October 15.

Assistant Superintendent Emmert, Chief Ranger LaNoue, Assistant Chief Rangers Barrows and Elliott, Chief Clerk Neilson and Assistant Park Naturalist Condon left on October 3 to attend the In-Service Personnel Training School, held at the Region Headquarters in Omaha from October 6 to 18. Messrs. Emmert, Elliott, Neilson and Condon returned on October 21; Mr. LaNoue on the twenty-fifth and Mr. Barrows on the twenty-seventh.

An air flight, in a plane furnished by the Western Airlines, was made on October 15 over an area near West Yellowstone proposed for a new landing field. Superintendent Rogers, Resident Landscape Architect Hill, Park Photographer Haynes and Messrs. Joffe, Evans, Skinner, Lord and Robinson made the trip.

Inspections. The following NPS and other government officials visited the park during the month: Don S. Libbey, Superintendent, and I. S. Stinson, Park Engineer, Glacier National Park, October 18; Regional Landscape Architect Howard Baker, Region Two, Omaha, October 27.

Status of Private Lands. Advice was received on October 25 that Mrs. Lena Hazzett Ross had received a check for $1,000.00 from the District Court at Helena for her property included in the condemnation proceedings covering lands within the northern park area. The other property owners involved in the condemnation proceedings had not received their payments to the end of the month, despite our efforts through Assistant U. S. Attorney Buntin to expedite these payments.

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Floods, Snow and Damage. Superintendent of the Lake and Fishing Bridge Cabin Area construction continued. Efforts were made for a change in the

water system at West Thumb. Changes in layouts of the cabin areas at Mammoth and West Thumb necessitated change of plan studies and additional topography.

General Publicity. The general publicity story and travel figures were mailed out on October 10. The dummy for the 1942 Yellowstone Folder was mailed the Director on October 21.

General Complaints. A summary of complaints received during the season was prepared and sent to the Director on October 9. The report showed 43 complaints against housekeeping accommodations, 22 for meals and food supplies, 8 for transportation, 10 for other service, 6 for sanitation and 14 as miscellaneous. There were also 10 complaints against the government operations. The report covered the period from October 1, 1940, to September 30, 1941.

Maintenance. Early snows made the east entrance road hazardous and closed the Dunraven Pass for a few days, the former being kept open through the rough weather, with numerous tourists assisted. As a stringer showed signs of breaking on the bridge at Taepee Creek in the Gallatin, a crew replaced this and put in additional bracing. The tree cleanup along the road at the Firehole Cascades and in the adjacent campground was completed.

New Construction. The brick work on the Canyon powerhouse was completed and the building roofed. Outside sewer connections and a change in the water line for the Mammoth comfort station were completed.

Special Improvement Activities. Enrollment of ten men from Montana has helped to keep up the company strength of the two Mammoth CCC camps. On October 31, Company 544 CCC had an enrolled strength of 55 men and Company 535 had an enrolled strength of 70 men. The main jobs for the two camps were as follows: Grading housekeeping cabin area; preparation of material; Nursery, Game Ranch; Water system, Canyon; Contact work, north entrance; Surveys; Campground maintenance and Sewer disposal.

The spike camps at Canyon and Old Faithful returned to the main camps on the fifteenth of October, after finishing the work which had been planned for them. Work was started on the housekeeping cabin area with the gas shovel, bulldozers and tractors. Word was received that Camp NP-7 would be discontinued October 31.

Park Operators. The C. A. Hamilton store at Fishing Bridge, the general store at the Old Faithful campground and the Old Faithful swimming pool were closed on October 6. The Lake store was closed on October 31.

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General Complaints. A summary of complaints received during the season was prepared and sent to the director on October 9. The report showed 15 complaints against concessioning accommodations, 22 for meals and food supplies, 2 for transportation, 10 for other services, 6 for sanitation and 14 as miscellaneous. There were also 12 complaints against the government operations. The report covered the period from October 1, 1940, to September 30, 1941.

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Special Improvement Activities. Enrollment of two men from Montana has helped to keep up the company strength of the two Mammoth CCC camps. On October 31, Company 3414 CCC had an enrolled strength of 35 men and Company 3415 had an enrolled strength of 70 men. The main jobs for the two camps were as follows: Trailing Yellowstone cabin area; preparation of material; Nursery, New Mammoth Water system, Company Contract work, earth entrance; Nursery, Canyonwood maintenance and Sewer disposal.

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Dr. R. E. Fallis, Resident Physician employed by Dr. S. L. Vinsor, departed from the park on October 31 en route to Kalamazoo, Michigan, where he expects to enter private practice. Dr. Fallis has been in the Yellowstone since January 16, 1938. A nurse has been assigned to the park temporarily to take care of the medical service, pending the reporting for duty of Dr. Fallis' successor, Dr. Jack Hayes, who has lately been engaged as medical officer for the Mammoth CCC Camps.

Cooperative Governmental Agencies. Peter Kiewit Sons Company closed down on the east entrance approach road, snow and cold preventing final oiling. Sixteen piles were driven on the Old Faithful - Isa Lake road, with about 50% of the work completed. All rock for the surfacing has been crushed.

E. A. Studer closed down, cold weather preventing the completion of the concrete curbing. All rock has been crushed for final surfacing.

Lowdermilk Brothers have completed about 30% of the Canyon road, a clearing of the weather allowing a little mowing for the season.

Increase or Decrease in Travel. Eight thousand, four hundred fifty-six persons visited the park during the month of October as against 10,736 for the same month in 1940, a loss of 2,280, or -21.2%. First entry cars showed an increase of 235, or 9.4%, while re-entry cars showed a loss of 969, or -73.8%. There was a loss of 73% car entries, or -7.3%, and a loss of 2,206 persons entering via motor vehicle, or -21.3%.

Ranger Service. A district rangers' conference was held at Mammoth on October 1 and topics of discussion were: Semi-Annual Maintenance reports, Annual Reports, Master Plans, and District Administration. Regular hunting patrol of park boundaries was stressed this month; however, hunting activities were considered light. All patrol cabins in remote areas were stocked with winter supplies except those located near public highways. Along with field work, the necessary information offices, checking stations and highway patrols were maintained.

Police Protection. One law enforcement case was held before the United States Commissioner involving one person in a speeding case who was fined $10.00.

Accidents. Six minor automobile accidents were investigated by rangers during October.

Wildlife Protection. Bears, Grizzly: On October 1 a male grizzly, 5 to 6 years of age, weighing 330 pounds, was shipped to the Jardin Zoologico at Buenos Aires, Argentina. The weight of crate was 196 pounds; total weight of bear and crate 526 pounds.

Grizzlies were frequently seen during the month near Dunraven Pass on Mt. Washburn and tracks were particularly numerous in the Prospect Peak and Upper Blacktail Deer Creek regions.

Bears, Black: Most of the black bears had left the campgrounds and roadsides in early October, but some trouble was experienced with these animals at the CCC camps at Mammoth and Canyon. Following is a summary of bear damages and injuries for the 1941 season:

PERSONAL INJURIES TO PARK VISITORS

Year	Total Number	Injuries per 1000 visitors	Bears Killed for Control
1941	90	.1547	26
1940	41	.0778	12
11-year av.	59	.1578	32.

DAMAGES TO PARK VISITORS' PROPERTY

Year	Total Number	Damage
1941	72	.1237
1940	47	.0892
11-year average	74	.1979

DAMAGES TO GOVERNMENT, CONCESSIONERS' AND CONTRACTORS' PROPERTY

Year	Total Number
1941	30
1940	28
11-year average	57

TOTAL BEAR INCIDENTS

Year	Total Number
1941	102
1940	75
11-yr. average	140.

Bighorn: A special report covering studies made in 1939-40 was prepared by Park Ranger Walter H. Dammill and forwarded to Washington and Regional offices during the latter part of the month.

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Year	Total Damage	Percentage Gain / Loss	Same Allied Ship Sunk
1941	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
1942	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
11-year avg.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Damage to Navy Military Property

Year	Total Damage	Percentage
1941	[illegible]	[illegible]
1942	[illegible]	[illegible]
11-year average	[illegible]	[illegible]

Damage to property, equipment in transport

Gulf

Year	Total Damage
1941	[illegible]
1942	[illegible]
11-year average	[illegible]

Total Damage Incurred

Year	Total Damage
1941	[illegible]
1942	[illegible]
11-year average	[illegible]

Figure 1 Special report service statistics in Italian war against by Fifth Engine Italian to Jewish and Commander in Italian-Allied allies during the latter part of the month.

Elk: A storm period accompanied by heavy wet snow about the first of October caused marked migrations of elk from all of the higher summer range. However, with clearing weather conditions, most of the animals which drifted out of the park returned.

Following is a summary of elk and other animals taken by hunters in the northern and Gallatin areas to November 1. (Montana areas only.)

Northern Area	Bear	Deer	Elk
Cooke			5
Slough Creek			16
Gardiner	1 grizzly	28	13
Totals	1 grizzly	28	34
Gallatin Area:			
West Yellowstone			12
Gallatin			120
Total			132

Total weights of volume plot clippings on the northern range indicates an increase in forage of 19% over that of 1940, while plant densities showed an increase of 42%. Results of a survey in the Gallatin area show approximately 24% greater forage volume than in 1940.

Birds: The following observation was made by District Ranger Lew L. Coleman on October 21. Although identification was not positive, the observation and a discussion of the matter with Mr. Coleman indicates that the birds seen were the white-tailed ptarmigan (Lagopus leucurus altipetens Osgood) reported by Skinner on Quadrant Mountain in 1927 (Condor, p. 204, 1927).

"During the course of a hunting patrol along the north flank of Electric Peak at an elevation of about 8500 feet, three small grouse-like birds were observed at close range. The plumage was strongly intermixed with white, to the extent of about one-third the total surface. The legs were fully covered with feathers to the toes. It has been ten years since the writer last saw the ptarmigan in Rocky Mountain Park but these birds seen on Electric Peak seem to be of a similar sort. It is hoped that additional observations may be made this winter to definitely establish the identity of the birds in question."

Swan. During October, trumpeter swans generally migrated from the higher elevations to Yellowstone Lake and River where they were joined by flocks of itinerant whistlers. A flock of 32 whistling swans was observed

on October 27. These birds rested for some time on Swan Lake, then took to wing, circled several times and took off in a southerly direction.

One of the four trumpeter swan cygnets on Trumpeter Lake disappeared about the first of October and the family of two adults and three cygnets left the lake a short time later.

On October 15 a report was made that the family of two adults and four cygnets were still on a small lake on Geode Creek, about two miles from the nesting site. During August this family migrated overland from the nesting site to the lower lake.

The two adults with their two cygnets reared at Grebe Lake this season were seen on October 15. Other areas where 5 of the 15 cygnets were observed in August have not been revisited.

A large number of posters, designed and printed by the Washington office, which caution hunters against careless shooting, were distributed at many locations in Central Idaho and at Gardiner and West Yellowstone in an effort to save trumpeter swan from duck hunters' guns.

Fish Planting Activities. Through cooperation of the Fish and Wildlife Service, U. S. Forest Service, Montana State Fish and Game Commission and the National Park Service, a new plan has been tentatively drawn up for the zoning of Federal and State hatchery production in Montana and in Yellowstone National Park. The stated purpose of this plan, which was instigated by the U. S. Forest Service and the State Superintendent of Fisheries, is to eliminate overlapping of planting areas between the several hatcheries and to bring about a more orderly, economical and efficient stocking of fish waters. In this connection the Fish and Wildlife Service, through Assistant Regional Director Foster, is making arrangements with the State of Montana to obtain two million Loch Leven trout eggs from the Madison egg collection station. The eggs will be developed at the Federal Hatchery station at Ennis, Montana, and resultant fry and fingerling planted in the Madison and Firehole Rivers within the park. This proposal will be referred to specificially in the 1942 Fish Planting Plan.

Miscellaneous. Park Ranger William Nyquist and Evelyn Cook of Fargo, North Dakota, were married at Jackson Hole on October 1. The newlyweds are to spend their first winter at the Bechler River ranger station.

Senior Personnel Clerk John Macbeth and Grace Maurer of Gardiner, were married at Cardston, Alberta, Canada, on October 23. The couple are occupying quarters in the Mammoth apartment house.

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